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Application of:	Denise Faustman	Examiner:	Nolan
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Entitled:	"Methods for Diagnosing and Treating Autoimmune Disease"		

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is filed in response to the Advisory Action mailed February 3, 2003 and is supplemental to the response filed January 21, 2003 in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 21, 2002. Kindly enter the following proposed amendment and remarks.

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 48 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 41-43, 46 and 47 are allowed. Claim 48 is cancelled without prejudice.

Rejection of Claim 48 under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph:

The Office Action states that claim 48 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph because the specification, while being enabling for type I diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, Sjögren's syndrome and autoimmune hemolytic anemia, does not reasonably provide enablement for any of the other diseases recited in claim 48. Applicants respectfully disagree.